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SUBJ: ANNUAL ARAB-JEWISH LABOR GATHERING

1. UNUSUALLY LARGE ARAB PARTICIPATION MAY 31 AT THE ANNUAL ARAB-JEWISH GATHERING AT KIBBUTZ GINNOSAR PRESIDED OVER BY YIGAL ALLON SERVED AS ARAB DEMONSTRATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH OPPOSITION TO THE LIKUD GOVERNMENT. OF THE TWO THOUSAND GUESTS PRESENT, MORE THAN HALF WERE ARABS, INCLUDING ARAB MOSLEM AND CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS LEADERS AS WELL AS NEARLY A DOZEN ARAB MAYORS IDENTIFIED WITH RAKAH.

2. ON THE GOVERNMENT SIDE, ONLY THE PRIME MINISTER'S ARAB
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AFFAIRS ADVISER MOSHE SHARON WAS PRESENT. ACCORDING TO A HISTADRUT SOURCE, SHARON HAD EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT WHETHER SUCH A MEETING SHOULD BE HELD AND WHETHER MANY ARABS WOULD COME. THUS, THE STRONG ARAB RESPONSE--LARGELY ORGANIZED BY THE HISTADRUT ARAB DEPARTMENT--WAS OF CONSIDERABLE SATISFACTION TO LABOR.

3. KEY SPEAKERS ALLON AND HISTADRUT SECRETARY GENERAL MESHEL INVOKED THE PEACE THEME AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT COULD BE RESUMED. ALLON CRITICIZED THE BEGIN GOVERNMENT FOR ITS RIGIDITY IN NEGOTIATIONS AND CALLED FOR AN ABANDONMENT OF RELIGIOUS-HISTORICAL CLAIMS TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL. SECURITY, HE ARGUED, WAS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE BASIS FOR TERRITORIAL CLAIMS. SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE ARAB POPULATION IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES MUST REVERT TO A JOINT JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN JURISDICTION, ALTHOUGH CERTAINLY THE PLO WOULD HAVE NO ROLE. ALLON SAID A DECLARATION TO THIS EFFECT WOULD RESTART NEGOTIATIONS WITH EGYPT AND ALSO BRING JORDAN, SYRIA AND LEBANON INTO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. MESHEL ANNOUNCED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME TWO ARAB MEMBERS WILL JOIN THE HISTADRUT EXECUTIVE BUREAU, ONE A CHRISTIAN AND ONE MOSLEM.

4. COMMENT: ARAB PARTICIPANTS PAID SCANT ATTENTION TO THE SPEAKERS, BUT EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MEDIA TOOK NOTE OF THEIR IMPRESSIVE PARTICIPATION AT THIS LABOR PARTY AND HISTADRUT SPONSORED AFFAIR. NONETHELESS, ARABS CONTINUE TO FEEL FRUSTRATED THAT IN THE PRESENT POLITICAL CLIMATE THEIR INTERESTS REMAIN LARGELY IGNORED. THUS, WHILE THE ANNUAL GATHERING WAS FOR THEM ON BALANCE A SOURCE OF SATISFACTION, SOME COMPLAINED THAT NO OPPORTUNITY HAD BEEN OFFERED THEM TO EXPRESS THEIR OWN GRIEVANCES AND DEMANDS.

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